REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 14-16 and 24-27 are pending. It is noted that the Office Action of February 20, 2004 states that Claims 13 is also pending: This appears to be an error, as Claim 13 was canceled by Preliminary Amendment of July 16, 2003. Applicants herein assume the Office Action of February 20, 2004 should refer to Claims 14-16 and 24-27.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. The rejection of Claims 14-16 and 24-27 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,670,738 and over Claims 24-37 of copending Application No. 10/619,569 is obviated by the timely filing of the enclosed properly executed Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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